



## SANDOVAL COUNTY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 8-6-15.7**

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management owns a tract of land commonly referred to as the "Buffalo Tract" located in eastern Sandoval County adjoining the communities of Placitas and Algodones; and

WHEREAS, those areas of Sandoval County that are contiguous to the Buffalo Tract are currently zoned RRA (Rural Residential Agricultural); and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2009, the Sandoval County Commission adopted the Placitas Area Plan, which states that one of the county's goals for this area is to, "[e]ncourage the BLM to maximize open space opportunities on the roughly 3,500 acre tract to the north of the Plan Area as open space, and to set aside any part of this tract identified as a wildlife corridor for use by wildlife", page 66; and

WHEREAS, the Sandoval County Commission is concerned by the possibilities of the adverse effects of additional sand and gravel mining in the Placitas and Algodones areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby states, it would not support any new sand and gravel mining on the BLM Land known as the Buffalo Tract that adversely affects the citizens of Sandoval County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby encourages the BLM to maximize open space opportunities on the Buffalo Tract to include setting aside a part of this tract as a wildlife corridor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby requests that the BLM provide the County Manager notice of any planned development of the Buffalo Tract or any hearing involving the development of the Buffalo Tract, utilizing the following contact information:

Phillip Rios, Sandoval County Manager P.O. Box 40 Bernalillo New Mexico 87004 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Body of Sandoval County, New Mexico, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

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